

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1852

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Adams

3. Committee: House Committee for Courts of Justice

4. Title: Number of general district court judges; 21st Judicial District.

5. Summary: Increases the maximum number of general district court judges in the 21st Judicial District (Martinsville, and Henry and Patrick Counties) from one to two.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 40 and Item 66

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation would add one additional judgeship to the 21st Judicial District. According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the annual cost for salary, fringe benefits and substitute judge days for a new district court judgeship would be \$260,036.

Other courtroom cost would include cost for a deputy sheriff to provide courtroom security. According to the Compensation Board, the annual cost for a deputy sheriff would be \$32,007 in the first year and \$34,983 in the second year and thereafter. The Compensation Board allocates positions in accordance with staffing standards and ranking methodologies. Therefore, it is uncertain whether or not funding and positions allocated for courtroom security under this bill would actually be allocated to the 21st Judicial District.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Courts, Compensation Board

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None